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SUBJECT: APRIL 12, 2000, WtW ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

The minutes and revised agenda from the Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Advisory Group meeting held at the Employment Development Department, Job Training Partnership Division in Sacramento on April 12, 2000, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

The next meeting scheduled for June 14, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 750 N Street, Job Training Partnership Division, Conference Room A.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact Brett Lapp at blapp@edd.ca.gov or (916) 654-7961.

/S/ JIM CURTIS, Chief
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Attachments

WELFARE-TO-WORK ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

750 N Street, JTPD Conference Room A
Sacramento, California
Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Agenda

Welcome and Opening Remarks	Charr Lee Metsker/ Jim Curtis
Agenda Building	All
Update on Joint Program Management Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of New Team• 85 Percent Program Management	Charr Lee Metsker/ Jim Curtis
Federal Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WtW Amendments, Regs, Reporting Instructions• The new budget FY2001 proposals for "Fathers Work, Families Win"	Christine Chudd
Community College Status Report	Judy Reichle
15 Percent WtW Round 2 Update	Jim Curtis
Welfare-to-Work Advisory Group Meeting Schedule	All

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Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Update on Joint Program Management Approach—The team of ten new Manager I's for the Joint Program Management Approach was introduced. Five managers from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and five managers from the Employment Development Department (EDD) make up the team. They will be split into teams of two, one each from CDSS and EDD, and assigned geographic areas of responsibility. Their role was described as one of a consultant to the Service Delivery Areas/Private Industry Councils (PIC) and are there to provide guidance and assistance where needed to make the WtW program successful.

Federal Update—Christine Chudd, Department of Labor, said that the President's proposal to extend the life of WtW funding has very little support in congress and at this point doesn't appear it will pass.

In addition, Christine said that the President's Fathers Work – Fathers Win proposal for non-custodial parents (NCP) and low-income families also has little support in congress. However, Congresswoman Nancy Johnson maybe introducing legislation entitled "Fathers Count" targeting NCPs.

A question was raised regarding California's WtW expenditures in relation to placements. Christine explained that California's 20 percent of the nations WtW program expenditures to only 11 percent of the placements can be attributed to the significant up front administrative costs in getting the WtW program operating.

The WtW and Child Support Amendments of 1999: Christine provided a synopsis of key interpretations with regard to eligibility. Items of particular interest included:

70 Percent Provisions

- Defining the statutory term "underemployed" is being left to each state (must be in place by July 1, 2000).
- States will not be required to amend their WtW plans.
- Defining the term "having difficulty paying child support" will be left to the local Workforce Investment Boards (WIB).

- Preference for admission to the WtW program will be given, but not to the exclusion of other potential participants, to NCPs of minor children who are, or who's custodial parents are long-term Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients (30 months or more).
- Content of personal responsibility contracts for NCPs will not be addressed in the regulations beyond what is contained in the statute, leaving the specifics up to the grantee (contracts may be oral or written).
- The personal responsibility contracts must be entered into within 30 days of the participant's enrollment into the program or, at the option of the WtW grantee, not later than 90 days (the Child Support Enforcement Agency must be a party to the contract).

30 Percent Provisions

- Defining barriers to self-sufficiency will be left up to the PIC/WIB (these are in addition to characteristics).
- The WtW program may serve a youth who was in foster care and is between the ages of 18 and 25 and who has not "timed out".

Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCO) Report—Judy Reichle, of the CCCO, provided information on how the CCCO can be a partner in providing services to WtW participants. With many service points throughout the State (177 Community Colleges in 72 Districts) and \$65 million in General Fund money, the community colleges, in partnership with the Employment Development Department, Department of Social Services, local County Welfare Departments (CWD), K through 12 grade schools and One-Stop Offices, can play a significant role in providing supportive services to WtW participants.

Concerns were expressed with regard to the CWDs health services organizations being able to coordinate tracking of individuals who are enrolled in post secondary education. Judy said she would look into the matter, although the issue was one more for the local partners to work out.

15 Percent WtW Round 2 Update—Jim Curtis, of EDD, reported that 146 applications were received for the second round of Governor's discretionary fund competitive bid process. Funding requests, in aggregate, were in excess of \$180 million. There were 22 grants with a total \$16.5 million awarded in the second round.

Scheduling of Next WtW Advisory Group Meeting—The next WtW Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2000. The following items will be included on the agenda for the June meeting.

Outcomes from Judy Reichle's Seattle Meeting
Practical Program Designs regarding NCPs

Meeting adjourned at 2:45

Round 2 Welfare-to-Work Competitive Grant Awardees

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